



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, June 7, 2007

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, June 7, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., at the Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Mohamed Okdie
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**
Arthur Blackwell II
Erminia Ramirez

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Robert Dunlap
3rd DC Paula Lytle
Lt. Charles Wilson
Lt. LaShinda Houser
Sgt. Rodney Cox
PO Derrick Maye

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director **(ABS)**
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Investigator
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS

Trish Cunningham
Sandra Hines
Jeffrey Nzoma
Wanda Hail-Ruffin

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Holley called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:17 p.m.

Chairperson Holley acknowledged the presence of staff.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Thursday, June 7, 2007

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Blackwell** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Thursday, May 31, 2007

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Blackwell** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. **BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT**
1. CHAIRPERSON

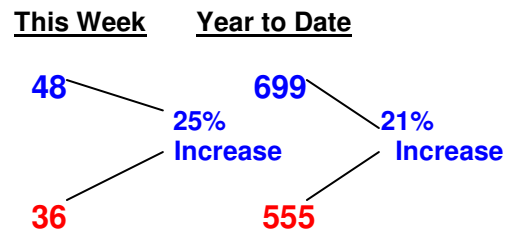
There was no report from the Chairperson.

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Exec Dir. Goss stated the Board received the *amended* copy of the suspension without pay for PO Quentin Howell, with the added information that was presented by Atty. Grant Ha, (last week).

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2007 - Weekly Count of Complaints:



2006 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **131** cases for the month of May.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **4** cases to the Chief's Office for the month of May.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,987** active investigations, of which **639** of those are for 2007.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS

ARREST	1
DEMEANOR	22
FORCE	2
ENTRY	0
HARASSMENT	2
PROCEDURE	22
PROPERTY	2
SEARCH	2
SERVICE	14

TOTAL 67

COMMANDS

UNKNOWN	20
TRAFFIC EN.	1
SW. DIST	3
CENT. DIST	1
EAST. DIST	5
WEST. DIST.	4
NW DIST.	6
GAMING	1
NARCOTICS	1
COMM/OPS	2
VICE ENFOR.	1
NE. DIST	1
TATICAL	2

TOTAL 49

5. REPORT/PRESENTATION-CHIEF OF POLICE

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SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of May 28, 2007 through June 3, 2007, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 40 search warrants and 45 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- **34 Felony arrests**
- **137 Misdemeanor arrests**
- **7 Juveniles detained**
- **144.80 grams of cocaine, 39.7 grams of heroin, 162,673.30 grams of marijuana and 10 pills with a total street value:**
 - **\$ 780,173.20**
 - **\$ 88,538.00 in U.S. Currency**
- **Confiscated:**
- **16 Handguns**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The tireless efforts by officers assigned to Domestic Violence resulted in the capture of a suspect later charged with (1) **Felonious Assault**, (2) **Aggravated Domestic Assault**.



"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS"

Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.



Engaging the Community

ATTENTION	Location	Hours of Operation	Telephone
Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.	2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
	7737 Kercheval	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-4778
	13206 E. Jefferson	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-5759
	19810 Grand River	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	935-5322
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	596-5300
	12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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Special points of interest:

- **Next meeting:**
Thursday, June 14, 2007
@ 6:30 P.M.
- Town Hall Meeting**
Southwest Church of God
Detroit, Michigan 48217

Police / Community Intervention

MAY 31, 2007



NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

On May 5th, officers of the Northeastern District responded to a "Robbery Armed" in the 6000 block of Fischer. Upon obtaining the identity of two suspects responsible for several robberies in area, officers quickly apprehended both suspects who were charged with multiple counts of Robbery Armed and Habitual 3rd.

EASTERN DISTRICT

On May 30th, officers of the Eastern District responded to an alarm run in the 12000 block of Harper. Shortly after their arrival, the officers apprehended a subject who was later charged with (1) Possession of Burglary tools (2) Breaking and Entering of a Building (3) Habitual 3rd.



SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On June 3rd, officers of the Southwestern District responded to a "Robbery Citizen" call in the 6509 block of Michigan. Due to their quick response, three suspects were apprehended and charged with Robbery Armed.



Chief Bully-Cummings stated there is a house bill called the "Michigan Public Safety Funding Proposal" for a surcharge of \$1.35 to any device that has the capability of dialing 911. They estimate raising about \$135 million dollars; most of which will go to the Michigan State Police. She has gone to Lansing twice to voice her objection to the Division that oversees that money. The first meeting they held regarded the Detroit Crime Lab receiving \$1 million dollars with language stating that 20% of index crimes happen in the City of Detroit. They have allocated \$31 million dollars for the Michigan State Police Crime Lab. Her objection is if 20% of the crimes happen in Detroit, then Detroit needs to receive 20% of the \$31 million dollars. The Mayor's office is working with legislators to speak on the City's behalf because the dollar amounts seem unfair.

Comm. Blackwell asked is it in the House Committee or the Senate.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated it's in the House Committee.

Comm. Blackwell asked has any Detroit Delegates protested against it.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated no, because George Cushingberry is one of the sponsors of the House Bill.

Comm. Blackwell asked has there been any conversation with him.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that Lucius Vassar of the Mayor's office had one conversation and will be following up with another.

Comm. Blackwell asked is it a \$1.35 for every telephone.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated no, it a \$1.35 for every device that is capable of dialing 911. Currently, people who have landlines are the ones absorbing the cost.

Comm. Blackwell stated this is for additional devices.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated for wireless devices.

Comm. Blackwell stated like cell phones.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes.

Comm. Blackwell stated it would be on your cell phone bill.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes. The Association of Michigan Chiefs of Police submitted a letter supporting the bill. The Sheriffs opposed the bill, and the City of Detroit supports the bill in concept.

Comm. Blackwell stated the bill is fine just the distribution of funds.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes. There are three crime labs in the State of Michigan: Michigan State Police, Oakland County, and Detroit Police. Oakland County doesn't do DNA analysis; the State Police provides forensic services for everyone in the State of Michigan except Detroit. She does not think the distribution amount of funds is fair.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. GRANT: REQUEST TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT (FISCAL YEAR 2006) THROUGH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

For the Fiscal Year 2006, the Michigan Department of State Police, through the Michigan Department of Community Health, received funding from the National Institute of Justice through its Paul Coverdell Forensic Improvement Grant Program. Within their application, the Michigan Department of State Police provided a portion of their funding to the Detroit Police Department, in the amount of \$65,286.00 and there is **no cash match**.

With this \$65,286.00 in funding, the Detroit Police Department's Forensic Services will implement the following three projects:

- I. Overtime (\$38,416.00) - for members of Forensic Services to decrease the backlog of firearm cases requiring examination.
- II. Equipment (\$12,000.00) - to purchase a carbon coater, utilized during gunshot residue testing. The Detroit Police Department is the only crime lab in state processing these tests.
- III. Training (\$14,870.00) - for Forensic Services members to stay abreast of current and emerging laboratory practices and satisfy the continuing education requirements for analysts, as recommended by the American Society of Crime Directors-Lab Accreditation Board (ASCLD-LAB).

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting this acceptance.

Chairperson Holley stated 3rd DC Lytle is here to explain # II, and # III.

3rd DC Lytle stated at the time the funds were requested, funds for the Training Budget had been moved to the general funds and they didn't have access to it. Since then, Fiscal Operation has put the money into an accessible account for training. She petitioned for the State Police to have the money reallocated, which is item #3.

Item #2, for additional equipment, is for a bullet trap system, dust workstation, metal detectors, with a total price of \$14,951.00 about \$80.00 over the award. The department will pay the \$80.00.

Comm. Ramirez asked is DPD the only lab processing gunshot residue tests.

3rd DC Lytle stated currently, yes.

Comm. Ramirez asked do other agencies use DPD processing service.

3rd DC Lytle stated yes, on occasion.

Chairperson Holley asked did they pay for it.

3rd DC Lytle stated no, it is a courtesy.

Comm. Ramirez asked why isn't the department charging.

Comm. Blackwell stated it is a mutual aid.

Comm. Ramirez stated she will remember this when the department wants something from them.

3rd DC Lytle stated it was done as a courtesy.

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Blackwell** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Atty. Hooks left conference room.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Holley asked Chief Sheard to make his report based on information that Comm. Ramirez requested from last week's meeting

Chief Inv. Sheard stated he has prepared a report of the top ten (10) offenders in terms of allegations against them. He stated in 2005 and 2006, there are 10 or more officers with at least 5 complaints. In 2007, there are several individuals with (4).

Chairperson Holley asked Comm. Ramirez to state for the other Board members why she asked for this report.

Comm. Ramirez stated she requested it because some officers have several complaints in the area of demeanor.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated that demeanor is the springboard for other behaviors.

Comm. Ramirez stated now that this has been provided to this Board, the subcommittee needs to sit down with the Chief or designee to have a close look at this report. Maybe there can be a policy that comes from this.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated it is probably best to have a meeting, because you have to be very careful especially when the findings are exonerated.

Comm. Okdie stated he considers this to be raw data involved in this and there could be numerous variables. There could be one person with a lot of complaints and a lot of people with no complaints. One may not be working with the public and one may be working with the public. He asked the Chief if his understanding is correct.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes, there are a lot of variables. An example is officers who work Narcotics would normally get a lot more complaints than an officer who works Community Relations. Sometimes where there's smoke there is fire.

Comm. Ramirez stated just looking at the numbers there are a lot of fires going on. She asked is Risk Management still putting data in the system.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated they have been able to get approval from the DOJ and the Monitors not to have to pay millions of dollars to issue an RFP. With the skills of the Information Technology Service (ITS) and integration, they should be able to put all the data in the system. As they take a look at this report, some of what the department can not do is predicated on the collective bargaining agreement.

Comm. Ramirez stated from reading the cases some blame has to fall on the sergeants and lieutenants because they are the ones supervising them.

Comm. Okdie stated he doesn't want to be misunderstood, because he is very appreciative of the work and the effort of this report.

Comm. Blackwell stated because an officer is not found guilty doesn't mean that there's nothing there. He thinks this is a good report to take a good look at. He asked are most of these cases from a Trial Board.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated if the findings come back as not sustained or exonerated, no discipline is taken. They can take a look at an officer with a high number of complaints and recommend training as opposed to discipline.

Comm. Blackwell stated that is a little confusing because it appears to be a double standard; because they were found guilty, but no discipline is administered. This Board suspends people without pay that is never convicted of anything because you say their behavior is such as unbecoming a police officer. To these citizens, those officers with such complaints are unbecoming police officers. There needs to be a policy or procedure where someone sits down with these officers and informs them about the complaints they have against them, and ask them what they think the problem is.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 14, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m.
Southwestern District
Southwest Church of God
3032 S. Fort Street
Detroit, MI 48217

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

S. Hines stated she filed a complaint against police officers harassing citizens at Palmer Park. She stated to the Chief that she had witness the rude behavior of these officers and if it is not addressed someone will be killed. The officer who took her complaint asked her why she wants to leave her name and number for Cmdr. Hudson.

He made reference for her to call him on Monday because that's when he'd be available.

Chairperson Holley asked Ms. Hines what she would like to see happen with her complaint.

S. Hines stated she was going to speak with Chief Sheard about it.

She stated if the situation at Palmer Park isn't addressed, that something really bad is going to happen. Her group has been monitoring this area for a while.

She asked when the citizens make complaints against the Wayne County Sheriffs who are patrolling the buses, the police department stated they had a grant and to let the Sheriffs take it.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the department didn't receive any money. It was a federal grant; meaning that you had to invoice the federal government after you had expenditures for the resources. If she had put 48 officers on the buses, they would have come from the districts.

S. Hines asked what about the officers that are laid off.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated all of those officers are back and working in the districts. They would love to have put officers on the buses.

T. Cunningham stated they are very interested in the complaints because they work for the community.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb